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## THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

I recently had the opportunity to visit Third Coast Guard District operating units along the New Jersey and Long Island coasts. At these units I found reservists working alongside Regular Coast Guardsmen performing all duties at those stations. The degree of this augmentation of our Regular forces varied from station to station, but the strong direction of increasing the amount of Reserve participation was unmistakable. The ideal situation is at those stations where I found reservists manning a boat, standing the communications watch and manning the galley. Most of you know that only one cook ("subsistence specialist") is assigned to each station and generally he has the weekend off. So that Reserve cook was really welcome.

We do have problems in this augmentation of search and rescue stations. Our reservists are not always fully qualified--even Coxswain School graduates are sometimes not readily accepted. The reason is obvious--local knowledge is very necessary. A Regular reporting to the station is usually not checked out and qualified to handle a watch or a small boat for weeks or perhaps months. The reservist must, therefore, report to the same station time and time again for each drill weekend and for his annual duty for training before he will be qualified and fully accepted for many tasks. Don't expect that the commanding officer of a group or the officer-in-charge of a station will allow you as a "newly arrived reservist" to step in and take over the watch upon arriv-

ing. You have to earn his respect and trust through hard work and knowledge of the station routine and local operating conditions.

For this reason you cannot be a 16-hour weekend reservist: it is necessary to report for the full weekend. I prefer reservists to think in terms of Friday evening, certainly Saturday morning, to Sunday evening--around the clock. Reservists have to be capable of nighttime boat operations in all types of weather--winter and summer.

Our training and our recruiting has to be geared to this full "around-the-clock" weekend concept in our all-volunteer Coast Guard Reserve.

Vice Admiral ENGEL, Commander of the Third District, has restructured Third District Reserve units. Reservists now report to their units at the Regular unit location where they augment the Regular service. The Reserve Training Center at Staten Island is no longer being used because all units now are assigned to Regular Coast Guard stations. The Regular Group commander also is augmented by a Reserve Group commander.

This new organization is being considered servicewide. In this new organization, officers will be given a greater opportunity to augment at the Group level. The First and Ninth Districts have made similar changes to their organizations.

Augmentation of coastal stations dedicated to search and rescue is one of the principle thrusts of our on-the-job training. However, every Captain-of-the-Port is using reservists to work with his active duty port safety personnel. Other mission areas such as boating safety, recruiting and aids to navigation are also making increased use of reservists.

Augmentation is more than merely "helping out" at operating units. Reserve operations during the mid-west floods, the results of the national readiness exercise, and the growing numbers of fully qualified boat coxswains and engineers, etc., point out that augmentation is successfully training Coast Guard reservists for what will be expected of them in the event of actual mobilization. Of great importance in the present and immediate future is that augmentation is providing the spark for morale and motivation that is required to recruit a dedicated all-volunteer force. In summary: augmentation is making the Coast Guard Reserve an essential and indispensable element of the Coast Guard.

  
J.W. MOREAU



# A Directory of Recent Directives

--Let Your Fingers Do the Walking--

In order to keep all reservists informed of recent directives affecting the Reserve, all directives issued by the Office of Reserve since November are listed. Those marked by a star★ are of particular importance to the entire Reserve. Others may be of personal importance or interest to you. Your unit has these available for you to consult for complete details.

11-13-72 COMDTNOTE 1710. Coast Guard Reserve Officer Participation in the 1973 Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) Military Competitions; information concerning.

11-28-72 COMDTNOTE 1130. Inactive Duty SPAR Program.

★ 12-6-72 COMDTNOTE 1418. Service-wide Examinations for Inactive Duty Reserve Personnel; information concerning.

12-6-72 COMDTNOTE 1571. Instructor/Administrator and Support Personnel for Reserve Training Program.

12-22-72 COMDTNOTE 1418. Modification of Sea Duty Requirements for Advancement to E-8 and E-9.

12-29-72 COMDTNOTE 1001 (ALDIST 351). CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1001 of 10-4-72, Subj: Reserve Training Coordinator; establishment of.

★ 1-8-73 COMDTNOTE 1570. Inactive Duty for Training Drills; frequency of.

1-9-73 COMDTNOTE 1440. Consolidation of the CS and SD Ratings in the CG Reserve.

1-12-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 13). Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selections.

1-19-73 COMDTNOTE 1571. OJT (on-the-job) Programs for Enlisted Members of the Coast Guard Reserve.

★ 1-26-73 COMDTNOTE 5210 (ALDIST 30). Change in ORTU Assignment Orders and Subsequent Change to Reserve Increment Drill Accounting Procedures.

1-31-73 COMDTNOTE 5060. The Commandant's Award for FY 72, Announcement of Winners.

2-1-73 COMDTNOTE 1710 (ALDIST 36). CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1710 of 11-13-72, Subj: Reserve Officer Participation in 1973 CIOR Military Competitions.

2-5-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 42). Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (RADM).

2-12-73 COMDTNOTE 1130. CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1130 of 11-28-72, Subj: Inactive Duty SPAR program.

★ 2-30-73 COMDTNOTE 1650. Reserve Unit Awards; revision of criteria.

2-23-73 COMDTNOTE 1100 (ALDIST 74). Reserve Recruiting.

2-24-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 77). CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1401 of 2-5-73 (ALDIST 42), Subj: Inactive duty Reserve Officers Selection Board (RADM).

2-24-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 77). CH-2 to COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 42), Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (RADM).

2-27-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 68). Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selection Board (LCDR).

2-28-73 COMDTNOTE 5200. Form CG-4873, Request for Military Training Duty Leave of Absence; initial distribution of.

★ 3-5-73 COMDTNOTE 1900. Administrative Discharge of Inactive Duty Reserve Personnel.

★ 3-6-73 COMDTINST 1001.22 Involuntary Active Duty for Coast Guard Reservists in Peacetime Emergencies.

3-8-73 COMDTNOTE 1570 (ALDIST 83). Standards of Satisfactory Participation in the Coast Guard Reserve.

★ 3-8-73 COMDTNOTE 1130. CH-1 to COMDTNOTE 1130 of 10-18-72, Subj: Direct Procurement of Coast Guard Reserve Petty Officers.

3-13-73 COMDTINST 1571.10. Reserve Support for Extended Periods; information concerning.

3-22-73 COMDTNOTE 1100 (ALDIST 95). Coast Guard Recruiting.

3-26-73 COMDTNOTE 1421. Appointment of Qualified Reserve Inactive Duty Chief Warrant Officers as Lieutenant Junior Grade.

3-28-73 COMDTNOTE 1571. Consolidation of the Boatswain's Mate and Port Security Class "A" School.

4-16-73 COMDTNOTE 1401 (ALDIST 119). Inactive Duty Reserve Officer Selections (CDR).

4-11-73 COMDTNOTE 1571. Special Augmentation Opportunities of Coast Guard Reservists.

4-9-73 COMDTNOTE 3060. Advance Orders for Mobilization.



OUTSTANDING--Storekeeper Second Class William T. DUNCH, USCGR, accepts the Navy League's Outstanding Enlisted Coast Guard Reservist of the Year Award from Vice Admiral Mark A. WHALEN, Commander, 12th Coast Guard District. SK2 DUNCH, with an Alameda, CA, Reserve unit, was chosen over nominees submitted by Reserve units in the Bay area. He is the first recipient of the newly established award, based on community activities and the comments and recommendations of his unit commander.



## Commandant Taps Yeoman As Next Top Enlisted Man

The Commandant has tapped Master Chief Yeoman Phillip F. SMITH to become the new Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. He will relieve the current MCPO-CG, Charles L. CALHOUN, upon MCPO-CG CALHOUN's retirement 1 August.

Admiral Chester R. BENDER chose YNCM SMITH as the MCPO-CG selectee after interviewing YNCM SMITH and two other finalists at Headquarters. The other two finalists were Master Chief Boatswain's Mates Grant R. BIELING of the First District and Gerald T. McNINCH of the Guantanamo Bay Fleet Training Group. These men were the top three of 12 nominees ranked in order of merit by a special five-member board.

YNCM SMITH was born 23 August 1932 in Brooklyn and attended schools in New York, New Jersey and California. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1949 after graduation from high

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## CGR Provides "Critical Assistance" In Recovering Chlorine Barges

Eighth Coast Guard District reservists provided critical assistance during a recent two-week domestic emergency in Morgan City, Louisiana.

Eight reservists, two on normal ACDUTRA and six voluntarily recalled, responded to the district commanders' request for aid following a collision which caused hazardous traffic conditions on the Atchafalaya River.

A tow consisting of two coal barges and two pressurized chlorine tank barges broke apart when the tug Bayou King collided with a bridge spanning Berwick Bay at Morgan City. The force of the impact and the swift current swept one of the chlorine barges under an adjacent bridge where it lodged with the chlorine tank relief valves two feet from the structure.

The imminent threat of gas leakage caused partial evacuation of the community. A vessel traffic control system was set up to reduce the possibility of collisions further endangering the valves.

LTJG George H. DeMARRERO, USCGR, a tow boat operator familiar with the river, was assigned control of all attached Coast Guard vessels by on-

## Reservists Provide Immediate Response To Gulf Coast Oil Spill

Regular and Reserve Coast Guardsmen from throughout the Eighth District waded through knee-deep muck in a joint effort to clean up one of the largest oil spills in Gulf Coast history.

The massive spill emptied 10,000 barrels of oil into the waters of northwestern Galveston Bay. The COTP requested emergency assistance from nearby Reserve units, asking for boat crews and clean-up personnel. His request was met by two Houston port security units, with supplementary personnel from as far away as San Antonio and Dallas.

In less than 24 hours, 71 reservists were on-scene and actively involved in the monitoring, control and clean-up operations.

Working around the clock, they carried out their tasks of controlling and cleaning up the spill, which was created by the collision of the merchant vessel Mayo Lykes and the tug barge Bayou LaForuche on 9 March.

scene commander CAPT John MUNDY, USCG. Petty officers from New Orleans and Baton Rouge and a 17-foot SKB were directed to the scene. The support flotilla included two 82-foot WPBs, two UTBs and two 19-footers.

LTJG DeMARRERO directed and controlled river traffic on a vessel-to-vessel basis for the next three days. The barges were removed by ballasting after the third day and a semi-permanent COTP detachment was organized. Reserves and Regulars utilized one 82-foot WPB and a 40-foot UTB to implement the vessel traffic system. Radio traffic was channeled through LTJG DeMARRERO and BMC Winston J. BOUDREAUX, USCGR.

Eighteen days after the initial emergency the direct controls were removed by the district commander.

LTJG DeMARRERO, "an extremely well qualified direct commissioned officer," and the other reservists "provided critical assistance, without which the entire operation would have been severely handicapped," according to Admiral John D. McCUBBIN, Eighth District Commander.

Reserve support was secured on Sunday evening, with reservists contributing almost 2,000 man-hours during the emergency oil clean-up operation.

Active participation in all phases of the clean-up operation was a key part of the Reserve effort. Officers were placed in charge of the communications system throughout the clean-up operation, while other personnel participated as boat crews, boom riggers and clean-up personnel.

Demonstrating their value in domestic as well as military emergencies, 31 reservists volunteered to assist in the oil-spill containment, and the Reserve units were able to provide support equipment ranging from a 31-foot PSB to hand held communications equipment for team to team liaison.

Impressed by the enthusiastic effort put forth by the reservists, Captain Warren WAGGOT, USCG, Captain of the Port of Houston, said, "When the chips were down, the reservists saw the need and integrated quickly into the clean-up operations." He was particularly impressed by those men who went without sleep and sometimes food to get the job done.

"These are the situations in which operational training can really pay dividends," the captain said.



SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Former ET2 Kenneth R. GILBERT Jr., USCGR, receives his permanent appointment oath to the rank of ensign in the Reserve from LCDR Henri L. GIBNAULT aboard a CG helicopter over Savannah, GA. GIBNAULT, CO of the aviation support unit at Hunter, said the unusual ceremony was commensurate with changing times. ENS GILBERT said he wanted the air ceremony because it was "something different".



# Commandant Taps

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school. He has served aboard the cutters RHODODENDRON, BERING STRAIT and STATEN ISLAND; and at air stations in San Diego and Port Angeles, Washington.

Other duty stations include the Guam Marine Inspection Office and district personnel offices in Long Beach, Seattle and Juneau. He is a veteran of Korea and was nominated for both Federal Employee of the Year and the Douglas J. Munro Award in 1972.

He has earned the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal with Silver Star; National Defense Medal; Service

Medal with Bronze Star; Korean Service Medal; and United Nations Service Medal.

MCPO-CG-selectee SMITH will report to Headquarters 11 June prior to assuming his new duties seven weeks later. As the ranking enlisted man in the service, Chief SMITH will be a member of the Commandant's Staff, advising him directly on matters affecting the morale of enlisted personnel.

YNCM SMITH, a master chief for the past six years, currently is in the Thirteenth Coast Guard District's personnel office. He is the senior enlisted advisor for that district

and is active in the Chief Petty Officers Association.

The MCPO-CG-selectee is married to the former Mary Fannin of Seattle, and they have three daughters.

NOTE: The MCPO-CG stands ready to help both Reserve and Regular enlisted personnel in any matter relating to the Service needs of these personnel. As a reservist, if you should wish to discuss a question concerning your position as an enlisted member of the Coast Guard, contact the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, GCMCPO/84, Room 8402A, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., 20590. Or telephone 202-426-2397.



*ANSWERING THE CALL--Two Coast Guard reservists help a South St. Louis man who is building a sandbag dike around his home during the recent floods that tore through the Mississippi Valley. Reservists were called to emergency active duty for the second time in less than a month as flooding continued. Details will be contained in the July issue of the Reservist.*

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